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A Prayer

Slow me down, Oh Lord. Help me to find absorbing interests in which I forget my problems. Steady my hurried pace. Give me calmness 'midst the confusion of my workday. Help me to break my inner tensions with recreation that is creative — with music, with the arts and the hand crafts. Help me, my family and my people to know the miraculous tranquilizer that is mother nature, through its study and in hunting, camping, fishing, swimming and boating in the out-of-doors. Teach me the art of two-minute vacations, when I lean back from my desk and think of my hobby, of a pleasant job awaiting me in my shop or my study, or as I plan an over-night camp for myself and with my family. Help me to take time off to talk or write to a friend or to enjoy the flower on my desk. Remind me that the inevitable result of too much overtime on the job is that it begins to take me two days to do one day's work. Help me to break my work schedule with recreative experiences, and to help in creating an image of recreation in which it is, in and of itself, the way to the full life for which we are created. Help me to understand that recreation is many things, some of which are economic in nature, some to prevent delinquency and crime, as therapy, and as an industrial technique, but that the basic purposes of recreation are to attain positive values rather than to combat negative conditions. Lead me to understand that the fundamental purpose of recreation, however used, is to attain, to retain or recapture, for the adult as well as the child, the joy of life and of living. Give me, as a recreator, the strength, the vision, the ability and the enduring purpose to help recreation attain the status, the acceptance as a societal force, and the realization that it is the common language of all races and all ages of man. Help me, Oh Lord, in my work which I love and in which I believe is much of our hopes as a nation, and as the people of our whole world. Give me success in my pursuit of happiness for myself, my family and my fellowmen, to which purposes I dedicate myself. Amen.

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—RALPH J. ANDREWS

Horace G. Caldwell
Director

Barbara J. Rankin
Editor

The personnel of the Georgia Department of State Parks welcome Mr. Horace G. Caldwell as Director of the department.

Mr. Caldwell's enthusiasm and interest in Georgia's park progress will mean a great deal, we are sure, to the department's program for the parks in future years.

If any of the superintendents have not as yet met Mr. Caldwell and his charming wife, they will do so in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell already have visited a great many of the parks in the northeastern, southeastern and southwestern sections of Georgia.

All personnel of the Parks Department are looking forward to working with our new Director.

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National, Canadian, and European trips have been planned by the American Youth Hostels, Inc. If interested in the trips, or in receiving more information about Youth Hosteling, please write to:

American Youth Hostels, Inc.
14 West 8th Street
New York 11, New York

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JUST A REMINDER of some of the conclusions reached at the In-Service Training Program last October about PARK VIEWS -

1. Superintendents should learn to see all episodes and events with eyes of the potential reader.

2. Type of news to send in:

   a) Humorous and unusual incidents that occur in dealing with the public;

   b) New and unusual problems that develop and how they are solved;

   c) Report of any development of new habits and trends by the public in their use of State Parks;

   d) Principal activities you and your park personnel have been engaged in;

   e) Interesting or distinguished personages who have visited your park (as shown by the museum guest books and park registers).

3. Daily record of episodes, events, and activities should be kept by every Park Superintendent in the form of a calendar or journal. Newsworthy items then can be easily harvested when deadline date draws near.

4. Full potential value of PARK VIEWS cannot be attained without the enthusiasm and energetic cooperation of each and every member of the State Parks Department.

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Thought For Today -

The fellow who tries to dodge his duties generally finds the detour rougher than the road.

--The Right Hand

THANKS TO THE SUPERINTENDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell would like to say a great big "Thank you" for the wonderful hospitality expressed to them by the Superintendents in their many visits over the state. Mr. Caldwell has thoroughly enjoyed seeing our parks and has made excellent comments concerning your work and interest in your parks.

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HOW COLOR AFFECTS YOUR LIFE

Color actually has a physical effect on you. Tests show that where RED predominates in a room, your blood pressure increases, your muscular reaction quickens, your emotions are excited, you have a tendency to feel restless, and time appears to pass more slowly. GREEN and BLUE tend to have the opposite effect.

Perhaps this is one big reason why the out-of-doors appeals so greatly to the average person. Where else can you find a bigger dose of green and blue than in the green fields and forests and in the blue skies and lakes?

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Mr. Wyatt D. Clark, Superintendent of Red Top Mountain State Park, Cartersville, Ga., sent us a newspaper clipping entitled, Tourists Should Stay and See.

As we believe the rules listed in the article are particularly apropos to the employees of the State Parks Department, we are including them in Park Views for the benefit of all.

We are sure you will find them much easier to follow than the original ten which have come before!

TOURISTS SHOULD STAY AND SEE

Georgia is boosting the fine "Stay and See Program" in regards to tourists. A booklet recently contained the following Ten Commandments for the "Care and Feeding of Visitors in Georgia."

1. Thou shalt not frown or scowl at visitors, for a traveler is your bread and butter.

2. Thou shalt ask pleasantly if you can be of service to visitors.

3. Thou shalt make yourself a storehouse of information for travelers and cheerfully share your knowledge with them.

4. Thou shalt answer questions seventy times seven, with a smile.

5. Thou shalt keep your sunny side up even though weary after the day's labor.

6. Thou shalt be as prompt as possible when serving visitors.

7. Thou shalt be neat and clean, for cleanliness is a mark of politeness to others.

8. Thou shalt encourage travelers to stay and see Georgia, for thereby will you and the entire state benefit.

9. Thou shalt cause children to have a happy vacation, for their memories will profit you in the future.

10. Thou shalt send visitors on their way with smiles on your face and theirs.

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If you've made up your mind you can't do something---you are absolutely correct.

Last year we sent all Park Superintendents a memorandum about the use of fish baskets and trotlines in State Park lakes.

We quote from it below in order to remind you of this regulation:

"We are hereby setting up a regulation whereby the State Park Superintendents are to see that no visitors or employees of the State Parks Department fish by means of fish baskets or trotlines. We are a conservation department and there is not very much conservation or sportsmanship in catching fish in this manner.

"If a person cannot fish in State Park lakes by means of an ordinary fishing pole, then that person is not in keeping with the purpose of having State Park lakes which are stocked for the enjoyment of a good sportsman."

Please see that this regulation is strictly adhered to this year.

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How to Avoid Criticism:

Say nothing.
Do nothing.
Be nothing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Elizabeth Gunn	February	3
W. O. Moore	"	7
Charlotte Brugmann	"	11
Clara Cameron	"	11
Jefferson B. Naugle	"	28

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A bore is someone who boasts about his accomplishments when he should be boasting about yours.

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The following anonymous piece of prose should give us all food for thought and, perhaps, make us stop and think before expressing a similar opinion.

If he talks on the subject,
he is trying to run things.
If he is silent,
he is dumb or has no interest.
If he is usually at the office,
why doesn't he get out in the field?
If he is out when we call,
why doesn't he stick around more often?
If he is not home at night,
he must be out carousing.
If he is at home,
he is neglecting outside contacts.
If he doesn't agree with you,
he is ignorant or bullheaded.
If he does,
he lacks originality or conviction.
If he gives someone a short answer,
trim him down to size in the next budget.
If he tries to explain both pros and cons,
he's pussy-footing.
If he is cordial,
he's playing politics.
If he is too busy for casual talk,
his job has gone to his head.
If he engages in casual talk,
that's all he has to do.

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STATE PARK NEWS

AMICALOLA FALLS STATE PARK
Juno E. C. Collins, Supt.

Dear Mr. Collier:

This note is to thank you for everything and every way that you helped us and this park.

May God bless you for the splendid job you did for the Parks Department.

A hearty welcome is extended to you to visit with us at any time.

Sincerely,

Charlie and Belle Collins

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CLOUDLAND CANYON STATE PARK
Rising Fawn J. M. Crawford, Supt.

Would like to join with park personnel in saying "Thank you" to Mr. Collier for his leadership and ability as Director of State Parks, too. Mr. Collier was one of the finest men I have ever known. It is hard for me to find words to express my true feelings. No one knows better than the Park Superintendent of each park the progress made the last four years. His interest in Georgia Parks was sincere and what impressed me was his ability to understand the person he was dealing with, and his problems, and do something about it.

With all the Georgia Parks under his leadership and scattered over Georgia as they are, Mr. Collier found time to pay us a visit, which we appreciate so much. His visits to my park seemed to instill in me more confidence and stimulate more interest and a greater incentive to be a better Superintendent.

There are lots of great leaders but can we ever be fortunate enough to have another Mr. Collier?

Again I wish to thank Mr. Collier for what he has meant to me and to Cloudland Canyon, and we will always miss him.

Signed: J. M. Crawford
Mrs. J. M. Crawford
Mr. Claud Smith
Mr. Larry Dodson

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CROOKED RIVER STATE PARK
Kingsland W. R. Anderson, Supt.

With weather conditions not so favorable, most of our attendance has been people who travel the cold and damp weather for fishing, most of them using our boat ramp. We have had reports of nice catches of speckled trout.

We were very happy to have two groups of Boy Scouts from Atlanta and Decatur the weekend of the 29th. They were on their way to Jacksonville to be ushers at the football game.

We had a lovely vacation in Colorado, visiting our daughter and family there. We left there on the 26th in 22 degrees below weather and 4 inches of snow!

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FORT YARGO STATE PARK
Winder W. S. Fricks, Supt.

At Fort Yargo everything is quiet these days. We have been having so much cold weather mixed with rain and sleet, there aren't many people venturing out.

The sound of the saws clearing the timber from the lake basin is certainly welcome and everyone seems to be happy that the work on the park is beginning to get underway.

The ice was beautiful on the trees, but the grounds were left unsightly with broken limbs and debris. We

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FORT YARGO STATE PARK (continued)

will begin cleaning the grounds tomorrow; just today finished moving the lumber from the old building torn down on the lake right-of-way.

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GA. VETERANS MEMORIAL STATE PARK
Cordele G. H. Evans, Supt.

The past week has been a busy one. We are doing some repair work on the Superintendent's residence. Mr. Naugle has been down helping us. We are getting some idea about how many things there are to be done in any State Park. Each day brings a new experience and we are enjoying learning from each one.

We have had quite a few visitors lately. Mr. and Mrs. Horace G. Caldwell were our visitors on Sunday, December 31st. We enjoyed showing our park to them and hope they will return soon. We also have had visitors from Germany and France to see our museum.

We hope the New Year will bring peace, joy and prosperity to each of you.

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HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK
Rutledge T. D. Carter, Supt.

During the month of January, we had three BSA Troops doing Pioneer Camping. Due to the extremely cold weather we had only one group using our Day Use facilities. Fishermen have been scarce during the month also.

We had a total of 1352 visitor days for the month--the two being our new Park Director, Mr. Horace Caldwell and his charming wife. We enjoyed their short visit on Saturday, January 26th, every much.

Upon showing them through our woodworking shop it developed that Mr. Caldwell could not even drive a nail without bending it; but I do believe that before the year is over we will have Mrs. Caldwell down helping us, especially if we continue to have furniture to refinish.

We are very fortunate in Gov. Sander's choice of Mr. Caldwell as our Park Director. Great progress can be made under his leadership....

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JEFFERSON DAVIS MEM. STATE PARK
Irwinville Ranze Harper, Supt.

On January 26, the Jefferson Davis Memorial State Park was scene of a picnic honoring John Baxton Flowers, President-General, Children of the Confederacy.

Represented were: The Mildred Lewis Rutherford Chapter, Albany; Margaret Mitchell Chapter, Albany; Jefferson Davis, Jr., Jefferson Davis, Sr. Chapters, Fitzgerald; Magnolia, Moultrie.

John B. Flowers was very much impressed with the park and was really interested in visiting it. His great-grandfather was one of the men who was with President Jefferson Davis when captured at Irwinville. He had heard his grandfather tell of it so many times and always had a desire to go there....

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KOLOMOKI MOUNDS STATE PARK
Blakely Cecil Hall, Supt.

At first I didn't have much to write about, but then Mr. Caldwell and his wife made us a surprise visit Saturday afternoon. I have a feeling that a little of his enthusiasm rubbed off on me. I hope to be able to contribute something of his fervor.

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KOLOMOKI MOUNDS STATE PARK (cont'd)

It has been hard to accept Mr. Collier's departure but I am sure Mr. Caldwell will direct the advancement of the parks in a very capable manner.

He and Mrs. Caldwell had already visited Bainbridge, Seminole and Fairchild Parks before they came here. It was good to know that Mrs. Caldwell has so much interest in the parks.

Our Burial Mound Museum is being ceiled. The walls were completed last week. We expect to complete the overhead next week. The top ceiling will be the Acoustical Suspension System. The lights will be recessed and will show mostly the burial pit and the pottery.

Mr. Morris is doing his usual good work on this job. The work was declined by contractors because of the danger of breakage to the pottery and skeletons. Mr. Morris has been most helpful and considerate of this fact. I am glad Barbara was not around when we were moving the pottery. She is too young to be having heart failure yet.

I would like to sympathize with the North Georgia people on the cold weather we have had. I thought about you some but we were doing a little shivering down here too.

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LAURA S. WALKER STATE PARK
Waycross C. H. Morgan, Supt.

Well, we had some fine weather in December and we had record breaking cold weather, too. In fact, one morning we had a reading of 6 above zero.

We had a fine December for attendance--one of the best. Lots of people out for picnics, barbecues, family reunions, hay rides, Boy Scouts, church and birthday parties. Attendance totalled 2558 and we have counters at the gates.

The Swimming pool is beautiful but all the people just vanished into thin air and have not returned. Lots of loose ends to tie up and we would like to see its completion. The people who vanished are the contractors, of course.

Again we had our share of Christmas cards from people who have camped with us in the past--England, France, Germany, Canada, and the USA. It is so nice to have them remember us.

Our boy was home for the holidays and how we enjoyed him! Although I was unable to share Christmas dinner with him, due to a bad throat infection, it was great to have him with us.

Well folks, hope each one of you had a nice Christmas and that the New Year will be good to you. See you at the Spring Round-up.

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FEDERAL OFFICE SERVING SOUTH OPENING IN ATLANTA -

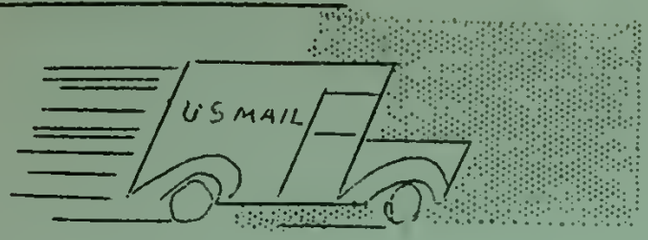
The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation of the U. S. Interior Department is opening a small office in Atlanta.

The office, located in the Walton Building, has a staff of three and will service 10 southern states--Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

The Outdoor Recreation Bureau was established last year to help meet increasing needs for both public and private outdoor recreation.

Senators Richard Russell and Herman Talmadge announced establishment of the Atlanta office.

OUT OF THE MAIL BAG



Dear Sir:

Several of us from Anderson had the pleasure of visiting Camp Stephen Foster State Park on the Okefenokee Swamp at Fargo, Georgia, on December 28, 29, 30. This proved to be a most outstanding the enjoyable trip.

I was particularly impressed with the cordial hospitality extended by Mr. George A. Sirmans, camp manager, to us. In every way possible, he extended himself to make our visit most worthwhile. I look forward to going back to the camp at some future date and taking my family.

With best wishes for a happy new year, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Henry Cone, Supt.
Anderson Public Schools
Anderson, S. C.

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Dear Sir:

Recently several friends and I spent several days camping at Stephen Foster State Park in the Okefenokee Swamp. I was most impressed with the tidy condition of the camp and the splendid facilities available for camping. It was evident that the camp was managed in a very efficient manner. I was particularly impressed with the courteous manner and cooperative attitude of your park manager, Mr. George Sirmans.

I have had occasion to visit a number of state parks in North and South Carolina, and I do not hesitate to say that Stephen Foster State Park ranks among the best. Much of this is due, I am sure, to the capabilities of the local park manager.

Very sincerely,

Harry W. Findley
Asst. Vice President
The South Carolina
National Bank
Anderson, S. C.

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Silence is golden, except when it is plain yellow.

--Advertising Age

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War may not decide which nation is right, but in our time war can decide which nation is left.

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AMERICANS--AT LAST

A refugee couple arrived in the U.S. After much red tape and years of study, they were finally made citizens. The husband rushed into the kitchen with the long-awaited news. "Anna! Anna!" he shouted. "At last, we're Americans."

"Fine," replied his wife. "Now you do the dishes."

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WATCH THAT SUBCONSCIOUS!

The power of the subconscious mind has much strength. For example: if a plank with a 4-inch width is placed across the floor of a room, hardly anyone would hesitate to walk upon it. But supposing the same plank is placed across the two highest buildings in the city. Few persons would venture to walk across it. WHY? Same plank, same distance, same muscles, same will--but we now think more of falling than of walking across.